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Control of Books

Prosecution of publishers of books containing obscene matters.

* 1970 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 10th March 1928, a deputation headed by the Maharaja of Pithapuram waited on His Excellency the Governor and the then Law Member regarding the matter of sanctioning the prosecution of the publishers of books, supposed to contain obscene matters; and

(b) what action the Government have taken on the representation made by the deputationists?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The representations were considered by the Government who concluded that no alteration was necessary in their policy or orders.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know what representations were made by the deputations and why they were rejected?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Representations were made that ancient books of real literary merit which contained obscene literature should be exempted from prosecution, and when prosecutions are undertaken by Government they should consult non-official bodies like the Telugu Academy and the University Board of Studies. But the Government thought that each case should be dealt on its own merits and it is open to Government to consult these bodies whenever they want. Therefore Government did not think that any alteration was necessary in their policy."

European Education

Boarding grants to European schools.

* 1971 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) to which of the European schools boarding grants were given in 1927-28;

(b) how much for each;

(c) what proportion this bears to the portion borne by the management; and

(d) the number of students in each such school?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Labour

Recruitment of Inspectors in the Labour Department.

* 1972 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inspectors employed under the Labour Department are required to inspect the schools and co-operative societies started and run by the department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that most of them are persons drafted from the Revenue Department without any training required for work of the kind required of them; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to give training to these Inspectors or to recruit them from among qualified teachers and social workers?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In practice the special Inspectors, who are mainly recruited from the Revenue Department, inspect labour schools and co-operative societies, their inspection being supplementary to that of the officers of the Educational Department and of Superintendents of Labour Schools in some districts in one case, and in the other of the Co-operative Inspectors lent by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

(*c*) No such proposal is under consideration by Government.

Police

Alleged shadowing by the police of Members of the Legislative Council.

* 1973 Q.—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the police are shadowing both at the railway station and at their lodgings some hon. Members of this Council when they go to Madras for legislative work;

(*b*) whether any such instances have been brought to the notice of the hon. President of the Council on his undertaking in the Council to discuss with the hon. Home Member if such instances are brought to his notice;

(*c*) what the object of police shadowing is;

(*d*) whether there are any departmental regulations, rules or instructions as to when the police should shadow political workers and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place them on the table of the House;

(*e*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the police on the subject; and

(*f*) whether the Government intend to take any action in the matter?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*e*) & (*f*) One hon. Member of the Legislative Council reported to the hon. the President that he had been shadowed by the police in Madras. When the complaint was brought to the notice of the Government instructions were given to the police that hon. Members of this House should not be shadowed when they are in Madras to attend meetings of the Legislative Council.

(*c*) The object in shadowing is to ascertain a person's movements.

(*d*) No such regulations, rules or instructions have been issued by the Government.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"With regard to (*a*), (*b*), (*e*) and (*f*), may I know if the last sentence means that hon. Members of this House might be shadowed when they are in Madras, for other purposes than to attend the Legislative Council?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I should like to have notice of the question to examine it."